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THURSDAY, May 15 -- 445 Park Avenue

8:30 P.M.

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"RED BALL EXPRESS"

starring

Jeff Chandler, Alex Nicol and Charles Drake

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Overseas Press Club Members are invited to an exclusive preview next week of Universal's soon-to-be-released film, "Red Ball Express", the story of the fabulous truck convoy that fed General Patton's 3rd Army push through France. A military melodrama, "Red Ball Express" should recapture for many correspondents the hectic days of Patton's dramatic march. Seating is limited to 60 persons. For reservations, call Mr. Biondi at PIAZA 9-8000.

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**** TIPS ON COMING EVENTS ****

Friday, May 23 -- A luncheon on this date at Toots Shor's will honor His Excellency, Leopold Figl, Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, who arrives Sunday on his first visit to the United States. Following official receptions in Washington, Dr. Figl returns to New York where he will make one of his only two public appearances before the Overseas Press Club. Check this date on your calendar now, and plan to attend!!

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Maj. GEORGE FIELDING ELIOT and NBC commentator H. V. KALTENBORN to guest on NBC-TV's "Who Said That?" program on May 12 ... "World News with ROBERT TROUT" on May 11 will feature a special interview with Richard C. Hottelet, CBS Radio correspondent in Germany, who will report on the inside story of the intricate problems of German elections as tied in with the Western Europe rearmament dispute and the Saar Basin controversy ... SYDNEY A. FREIFELD, formerly assigned to Canadian public relations here, was recently named press officer for the Canadian Department of External Affairs. ...

WPIX commentator HARRY T. BRUNDIDGE, newspaper and magazine writer, has been appointed executive director of Common Cause, Inc., a private anti-Communist organization ... The Greater Weeklies Associates recently presented a plaque to MARY MARGARET McBRIDE for her radio reporting ...

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JEAN JAFFE currently in Port of Spain, Trinidad, doing Navy human interest articles ... Newsweek's "History of Times" (Volume 3) debuts May 26, with TOM MALLEY as editor and GORDON C. HAMILTON editing the Korean War-International Affairs sections; KARL HESS penned the department on Press ... An April issue of AUFBAU carried BELLA FROMM's article "On the Illegitimate Children in Germany". It inspired many inquiries from American citizens wishing to adopt German children ... Since publication of his "How to Make Money with Your Camera" on April 24, HARRISON FORMAN has guested on the Barry Gray Show, Dave Garroway's "Today", DuMont's "Recipe for Happiness", and others ...

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FREE PRESS IS "FLIP")
USSR CLAIMS IN DENYING)
CONFAB PRESS COVERAGE)

Because the Western world's free press is "flip", it was not admitted to cover Soviet Russia's recent International Economic Conference, according to A. WILFRED MAY, executive editor of the Commercial & Financial Chronicle. MAY, who was the only outside

correspondent admitted to the controversial meeting, was quoted last week by Editor & Publisher as saying, "They (the Russians) claimed the correspondents did not write about the conference but turned their critical guns on conditions in the Soviet Union".

Although the Wall Street Journal and London's Economist were invited and refused, such publications as Time and Business Week were refused accreditation. Reason given was that they were not serious, but "flip". As America's single visiting pressman, MAY was seated with Moscow-stationed correspondents, including the AP's EDDIE GILMORE. MAY also found an old friend on hand -- press liaison man Vladimir Kazakevich, a former Columbia University instructor who once collaborated with MAY on an economics text.

MAY reported that he and the delegates were royally entertained, each man enjoying a three-and-a-half-room suite in Moscow's luxurious new Sovietskaya Hotel. A pool of 200 limousines were placed at their disposal, as well as the services of an interpreter. MAY estimated the Conference cost the USSR at least \$1,250,000.

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..... : NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE:

I. M. (Bill) Stein, Press Department, National Broadcasting System.
North Africa, Italy, January 1943 to November 1945, as special corres-
pondent, Variety. Proposed by JOSEF C. DINE; seconded by LEONARD S. SMITH.

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m ANNUAL OPC AWARDS DINNER DRAWS GALA CROWD m  
m TO HEAR FOUR DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS m  
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Murrow Launches Memorial Campaign
For Proposed \$150,000 Clubhouse;
Jane Froman Entertains

The Waldorf Astoria's Grand Ballroom on Wednesday evening was the gala scene of another in the annual series of Overseas Press Club Awards Dinner, with almost 800 members and guests gathered to hear Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, General J. Lawton Collins, Admiral Alan G. Kirk and Paul G. Hoffman. Singer Jane Froman opened the evening, leading guests in "The Star Spangled Banner". She later sang several other numbers.

The dinner itself drew critical plaudits for the Dinner Committee, headed by WILLIAM P. GRAY, incoming OPC President, since it featured Key West turtle soup, prime ribs of "blue ribbon" beef and baked Alaska with brandied cherries jubilee and petits fours.

Setting the keynote for the Club's red-letter event, which this year commemorated the seventh anniversary of V-E Day, was General Collins, Chief of Staff of the United States Army. He urged members of the press to emphasize to their readers that armistice negotiations in Korea depended on acceptance of a principle. "We would not," he declared, "forsake our principles for any armistice."

Mrs. Roosevelt, an American delegate to the United Nations, followed General Collins with a description of her recent trip through the Near and Middle East, and related anecdotes indicative of sentiments in various countries toward the United States. She was accorded a standing ovation by the assembly.

Speaking on "Can We Reach the Russian People?", Admiral Kirk, most recent former U.S. envoy to the Soviet Union, asserted he thought it was possible for American propaganda organs eventually to penetrate the Iron Curtain and influence the Russians. Greatest drawback, he said, was the strongly-enforced "thought control". To illustrate the point, Admiral Kirk told of one of his last interviews with Stalin. Kirk brought up the matter of jamming broadcasts of the Voice of America. Stalin thereupon turned to Vishinsky and asked, "Are they saying rude things about us?" The reply was "yes". Stalin then turned to Kirk and remarked blandly, "Why, this is a matter for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to handle".

Continuing on the theme of a discussion of Soviet politics, Paul G. Hoffman, former Economic Cooperation Administrator, said he felt the United States eventually would succeed in converting Russia from a policy of conquest to one of live-and-let-live. To accomplish this goal, Hoffman proposed a four-point program involving: 1) convincing Soviet leaders that they cannot conquer the world by aggression; 2) convincing them they cannot conquer by inciting internal revolt within the free nations and then knocking them off one by one; 3) convincing the Russian people that the people of the West want peace; and 4) demonstrating dramatically that ours is a free society that can minister to the needs of man "not only materially but intellectually and spiritually".

Retiring President JOHN DALY then presided at the Awards Presentation ceremony. FRANK J. STARZEL, general manager of the Associated Press, received plaques on behalf of William N. Oatis, AP correspondent imprisoned in Czechoslovakia, and Frank Noel, AP photographer in a Red Chinese prisoner-of-war camp. Oatis won the OPC's top honor, the George Polk Memorial Award for "courage, integrity and enterprise above and beyond the call of duty", which carries with it a \$500 honorarium. Noel was cited for "best picture reporting from abroad, judged from its interpretative quality".

Cyrus L. Sulzberger, of the New York Times, won an award for "best consistent press reporting from abroad", while Joseph and Stewart Alsop, New York Herald Tribune columnists, received plaques for "best press interpretation of foreign news." Howard K. Smith of CBS won honors for "best consistent radio report from abroad", EDWARD R. MURROW was cited for "best consistent television presentation of foreign news", and ABC commentator Elmer Davis won an award for "best radio interpretation of foreign news". Awards for Sulzberger and Smith were acknowledged by Turner Catledge, Times managing editor, and Adrian Murphy of CBS, respectively.

EDWARD R. MURROW then announced the formation of a Memorial Committee which would work to establish a permanent clubhouse for the Overseas Press Club in memory of the 60 correspondents killed in World War II and in Korea. MURROW, who will chair the Committee, said a campaign would be launched at once to raise \$150,000 for the clubhouse, and urged that contributions be made promptly. He had no sooner stopped speaking than Joseph Alsop, who represented his brother and himself during the Awards presentation, made the first donation to the fund.

Lifetime Living, the new monthly publication of which CLARENCE W. HALL is editorial director, made its debut on New York newsstands this week. The mag is beamed to mature, middle-aged readers and plans to concentrate on service features ... JOHN WILHELM and wife Peggy (plus three kids) visiting in New York this week from Mexico City, where he's chief of the McGraw-Hill World News bureau ... WAC Capt. IRENE TAYLOR back in New York after several years assignment in Germany ...

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Vision's phenomenal growth the subject of a three-column piece in the May 3 Editor & Publisher. Cites DIXON DONNELLEY, slated to be editorial director of Visao, the mag's new Portuguese edition ready for July 22 publication, Editor EDWIN STOUT, and others. Article tells how Vision's circulation quadrupled in its first 12 months, to hit 85,000 ...

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CBS Radio's Brussels correspondent DANIEL SCHORR in town for a special ROBERT TROUT broadcast and to attend the OPC's Annual Dinner; he returned with the exclusive first news of the impending appointment of General Ridgway as Eisenhower's successor ... As of May 7, CURTIS J. HOXTER, public relations director for the United States Council of the International Chamber of Commerce, will be in Paris for a major meeting of the ICC dealing with such topics as international control of raw materials, economic problems of NATO and others. He plans to contact many OPCers in Paris ... Just back from a Nassau honeymoon is the New York Times' RALPH GOLDBURGH and his bride ...

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STORK NEWS: On April 20 a fourth child (third son) was born at New York Hospital to ANDY LOGAN (Mrs. Charles S. Lyon). Name of Jonathan Winslow Lyon. Baby's father, incidentally, is assistant counsel to the King subcommittee investigating the administration of the Bureau of Internal Revenue ...

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From Garmisch, Bavaria, comes an epistle from Lt. CARL BAKAL, currently with the 497th Signal Photo Company ("but it shouldn't be long before I take that big trip home.") BAKAL is now resting between movie chores, having lately branched out into TV. He's supervising the production of a series of short films of EUCOM activities for video audiences in the U.S. "The first two in the series have just been completed," he writes, "and I plan to keep turning others out at the rate of two a month ... Also, I take hand in the writing and direction of these films, so my job calls for quite a bit of hopping around. In the past two months alone, I have covered almost 6,000 miles from Bremerhaven to Berchtesgaden..."

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A dispatch now from HENRY TOSTI RUSSELL, "still in Portugal making recordings of interviews and folklore (including a 45-minute recorded 'audience' with Carol of Rumania)." He's just written a series of six articles on the funny side of life in Portugal. "Wife Magda and 10-year-old daughter, Briar, greatly thrilled when tearsheets arrived in the mails from Finland's Helsingin Sanomat and De Sweep, the weekly magazine section of Het Laatste Nieuws of Brussels. Pa's humor in Finnish and Flemish aroused less interest than the illustrations; six pictures taken, four of them by Ma Russell and two by Junior. Latter now enters claim to be the first 10-year-old to have her pix printed in two European papers in the same day..."

JONES TRIO DEPARTMENT: Under a Naples dateline, the JONES Trio (CHARLES, EUGENE and Natalie) report they headed recently for the hangout of "Luckie" Luciano, whom they understood may have been connected with the Schuster killers. For a week they negotiated to get close to him. "Finally we went up there blind," CHARLIE and GENE write, "got into his hotel, waited for him. Turned out to be a quiet-looking little man, very polite. Turned down cold, of course. Came back next day, turned down again. On third try, he turned us down but invited us to a spaghetti feed at a waterfront joint. Gave him the sob stuff, lose our job after spending all the carfare there, etcetera, etcetera. Turned down again. As we left, he called out, 'how mucha' time you tak'? We yelled, 'two minutes flat'. Got the deal in a public park outside. He said it's the first sound interview he's ever granted anyone, any place. He got off the prize crack of the day. "When we told him we'd just done the Pope, he remarked, 'from Heaven to Hell in 48 hours, huh?' Pretty good. Rushing this film to the States by air as we did the Pope stuff for next day's show..."

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THE OVERSEAS TICKER

TOKYO DATELINE:--(Special to The Bulletin) -- It has been an interesting and hectic period for Far East newsmen, photographers and information personnel -- what with the closing of all SCAP sections, ratification of the Japanese Peace Treaty, arrival of Ambassador Murphy and news that General Mark Clark shortly will become new boss, all at

once. Amid all the confusion, 29 additional correspondents arrived in Tokyo via Northwest Stratocruiser to get a quick look at post-treaty Japan...

Meanwhile, almost everyone in town managed to become involved somehow in Universal's filming of "Willie and Joe Back at the Front", based, of course, on Bill Mauldin's World War II cartoons...

Consensus here is that Cleve Roberts and Russell Day (AP Newsreel) are downright psychic; every time they arrive in town, one general departs and another one arrives. Last year they put in an appearance just two days before General MacArthur was relieved of his command. Last week, Roberts and Day walked into PIO and announced they had come to photograph General Ridgway's departure for Europe ... Residents of the Press Club here are practically in mourning for ABC's popular news commentator Richard Rendell who returned to New York this week following a lengthy Far East tour. -- (HAZEL SHORE).



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OUR AWARD-WINNING COLLEAGUES: Four OPC Members were among recipients last week of Headliner Achievement Medals in the Club's 18th annual competition. A Valor Award went to GENE ZENIER of Warner-Pathe, for bravery in coverage of action in the Korean war. In the "news feature picture" category, ARTHUR B. RICKERBY of United Press Newspictures won top honors while CHARLES and EUGENE JONES of NBC received a citation in the "television coverage" category for their film and tape interview with IT&T executive Robert Vogeler following his release in Vienna. Congratulations!!

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RUTH LLOYD lectures to the Lions Club of Sharon, Conn., at its annual dinner May 19 on the adventures of a woman foreign correspondent behind the Iron Curtain ... NORBERT LYONS due to unveil a bust of Susan Anthony at New York University's Hall of Fame at noon May 18. All OPCers are invited ...

LELAND STOWE returned from lectures in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania just in time for publication of his book "Conquest by Terror: The Story of Satellite Europe" on April 28. His publishers, Random House, had arranged for his appearance on eight radio and TV programs in seven days. These included interviews by MARY MARGARET McBRIDE, George Hamilton Combs, Bill Leonard and Barbara Welles; also, Margaret Arlen's TV program, and the new Laraine Day Show. LEE also participated in an "Eisenhower for President" panel on CBS-TV's "Presidential Timber" presentation together with Senator Lodge, Congressman Hope of Kansas and others. Among those who have written the author that they are reading "Conquest by Terror" are Generals Eisenhower, Grunther, Bradley and Vandenberg, W. Averell Harriman, Governor Adlai Stevenson, Senator McMahon and General David Sarnoff ...

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